

## MOST FAVORABLE NEWS FROM THE LEADING MINES ON THE COMSTOCK LODGE

**Mexican Extending North Drift on 2500 Level In First-Class Ore---Ophir Saves Fair Values From 2200 Level.**

Operations at the North End mines this past week carried on along the same lines as a week ago, and thus far there has been few changes of special importance, although the general conditions continue to show improvement as the prospecting and development work advances. In the Mexican, the mine is apparently increasing its ore-producing limits every day, especially on the 2500-foot level, where one round already advanced in the face of the north drift gives the same rich values as reported last week, the vein trending on north-easterly and appearing as strong as ever.

Another round is being drilled so that considerable progress ahead will be made this coming week. Cutting out for the sill floor sets preparatory to sinking a winze below the 2500-foot level, is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible, and the opening made for the timbers is giving further widths of second-class ore, that can be milled with handsome profit. Hoisting and sinking machinery is on the road and will be set up as soon as it arrives.

The hoist will be installed in the stope. The usual grade ore is being taken from the stope, and the output for the week will no doubt be at about average figures.

On the 2400-foot level of the mine, work is being carried along in the raise, and ore extracted. On the Union and Mexican boundary line, the east crosscut is being pushed out still further, the end of the formation not having been reached, and it will be continued until the dyke is cut. The material all carries values, and some of the cars are said to run as high as \$10 per ton. As soon as the extent of the vein is determined in an easterly direction, a north drift into Union ground will be started. In fact, one round of holes has already been partially drilled.

The vein is proving to have a remarkable width on the line, and it is currently believed that better values will be found to the north. No work is being done on the 2300-foot level this week.

No new work is reported from the Ophir, and on the 2500-foot

level the southwest drift is being driven ahead in vain formation. The drift is following the hanging wall, and the general character of the country foretells important developments further on.

A fan has been installed on this level, and re-opening and retimbering the old northeast shaft connecting with the Ophir-Mexican winze is being carried on.

This work is being done in the general new plan of the pumping association looking towards the recovery of additional levels below. The south drift from the west crosscut on the 2400-foot level is opening into porphyry and stringers of quartz, while on the 2200-foot level the north drift is being advanced in the Hardy vein. The cars being taken out will probably maintain about the same values as reported on Saturday last. Stopping continues on the 2200-foot level with good tonnage and values.

In the Consolidated Virginia, the usual prospecting of the 2450 and 2550-foot levels has disclosed nothing of special significance since last week, the east crosscut on the 2450 being in a strata of vein formation, and the west crosscut on the 2550 being quartz, clay and vein formation.

Sinking the winze below the 1650-foot level is well under way this week. In the bottom of the C. & C. shaft, the middle compartment is being cleared of debris below the 2650, and No. 1 elevator pump hung up for the week.

The east crosscut from the shaft station is also being cleared out and repaired.

At the joint Union and the Sierra Nevada winze, the sinking is moving along at the customary rate of progress with the formation being in hard porphyry and quartz stringers. This winze in another month or six weeks will be at the 2500-foot level.

At the Ward shaft, the usual routine work is underway, and some work has been done back of the first bulkhead on the 2000-foot level.

Pump column is being placed in the shaft, and easing timbers and other work in the 2450 northeast drift.

It is necessary to enforce this provision. The pull shall be one pull of twenty-four inches from the starting point.

The decision of the majority of the judges shall decide the contest, and the stakeholder shall be governed by that decision in awarding the money in his custody. The judges shall also by pistol shot start the contest, and declare the

## RAILROAD COMMISSION ORDERS REDUCTION IN CARSON-RENO RATES

The railroad commission of the state of Nevada has made the following order in the matter of the Meyers Mercantile company and E. J. Walsh vs. the Virginia & Truckee railway:

In this case the petitioners, who are engaged in merchandising business in Carson City, Nev., complain of the class rates, and more particularly of the rate on coal from Reno to Carson City, and in their complaint ask for a reduction of said rates to a fair and reasonable basis.

Formal action having been issued to the defendant, the case came on to be heard on Thursday, April 27, 1911, at the office of the

same ended when either team shall have pulled the required twenty-four inches from the starting point. There shall be a clamp on the rope at the starting point, which clamp shall not be released by the judges until the pistol shot is fired to begin.

The judges shall be three in number and shall be chosen as follows: One by the representative of each team, and two so chosen shall choose the third. The judges shall be as nearly as possible, disinterested parties.

The judges and captains of each team shall search all members of both teams before the contest starts and the belts of each anchor man shall also be searched.

The members of each team shall deposit with the stakeholder, H. H. Atkinson, on or before 2:30 o'clock p. m., July 20, 1911, at his office in Tonopah, Nevada, the remainder of the stake for each side of \$1000, and said stakeholder shall award the victor of the contest as determined by the judges, all of the money deposited with him. Either team failing will lose the \$250 forfeit to the other team, or, if it fails on any covenant.

If for any reason not herein stated this match shall be called off by mutual consent of the representatives acting for the teams, or on account of sickness and injuries to any of the men, it should become apparent that the contest cannot by this agreement and under it be had within a reasonable time after July 30, 1911, then the stakeholder shall return to each team the \$1000 deposited with him under this agreement.

Of the gate receipts, the winning team shall receive ninety per cent of them and the losing team ten per cent after all joint expense of the contest shall have been paid.

This agreement is executed in duplicate and signed by the parties hereto as representatives, the day and year first above written.

"W. B. EVANS,  
"For the Montana Team.  
"MIKE JILICK,  
"For the Slavonian Team."

commission in Carson City, Nev. H. B. Van Etten and E. J. Walsh were sworn as witnesses and testified on behalf of complainants, and F. E. Murphy, H. L. Griffiths and A. M. Ardery were sworn as witnesses and testified on behalf of defendant.

It is therefore ordered that the complaint so far as it relates to class rates be and it is hereby dismissed.

It is further ordered that the Virginia & Truckee river be and hereby advised and requested to establish and put into effect on or about September 1, 1911, a rate of \$1.25 per ton on coal from the city of Reno, Nev., to Carson City, Nev.

### INSANE MAN MAKES ESCAPE FROM ASYLUM

Shortly after the death of the unfortunate woman, Mrs. Mary Gibson, last Wednesday, and while the body was being prepared for shipment, Thomas Lynch, an inmate from Ormsby county, made his escape. Lynch was assisting Dr. Lewis, superintendent of the asylum, and after his work had been completed he walked away from the institution. The officials of the nearby towns were notified of the escape and, it is believed, that Lynch will be recaptured. This makes the third time that Lynch has managed to escape from the asylum for the insane and feeble-minded. He has been in the trusty class and on all previous occasions after walking away, always returned after an absence of several days.—Journal.

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## BOTH TUG OF WAR TEAMS HAVE \$1000 BET UP

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examine and report and his report shall govern and be binding. If it is necessary to postpone the match for the above reason, the said match will be postponed to such time as shall be agreed upon by the representatives herein, which time must be governed by the ability of the said ailing member to pull.

The entire membership of each team must be on hand and ready to pull at 3 o'clock p. m., July 30, 1911, at the place selected for the match, otherwise the team failing to do so, will forfeit its forfeit deposit of \$250 now in the hands of the stakeholder.

For the contest it is agreed that the platform upon which the teams will pull shall be three feet wide, of substantial lumber, and as near as may be and still be even at an elevation of two and one-half feet above the surface of the ground; the cleats, not more than two and one-half inches high, well set, and the distance face to face between the cleats shall be eight inches between each two; the rope shall be what is known as the "stretched rope," and shall be one-and-one-half inches thick, and hemp rope.

The platform upon which the contest shall take place shall be enclosed within a rope railing, which railing shall be twenty feet from the nearest point of the platform on all sides thereof, and no persons besides the nine contestants of each team shall be within this enclosure except the captain and one coach of each team, the three judges, stakeholder and such peace officers as may be necessary to enforce this provision.

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